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Concerning the Apoſtate Chriſtians Tradition of doing Miracles with Dead mens Bones, or the Duſt of the Graves, &c.

THe Lord ſaith, *Whoſoever toucheth the Body of a Man that is Dead, or dieth in his Tent, and puriſieth not himſelf, he defileth the Tabernacle of the Lord, and that Soul ſhall be cut off from* Iſrael, *becauſe it purifieth not it ſelf; and whoſoever toucheth any that are Slain with the Sword in the open Field, or a dead Body, or the Bone of a Man, or a Grave, ſhall be Unclean ſeven dayes, and if he do not purifie himſelf he ſhall be cut off from among the Congregation, becauſe he hath defiled the Sanctuary of the Lord;* and this was the Law of God, and a perpetual Statute among the *Jews*, as you may ſee in *Numb.* 16. 21.

And now do you Apoſtate Chriſtians imagine to do Miracles with dead Mens Bones, or the Duſt of the Graves, which defiled the *Jews*, and they were not to come into Gods Tabernacle or Sanctuary, but to be cut off according to the Statute and Command of God, if they were not purified.

And now if you Apoſtate Chriſtians do alledg of the *Jews* burying a Man, and caſting him into the Sepulcher of *Eliſha, and when the dead Man touched the Bones of* Eliſha *he revived and ſtood upon his Feet*, 2 King 13. 21. But where was ever ſuch a Miracle as this wrought by the Apoſtate Chriſtians, by Burying one in the Grave of another: let them produce one Example if they can.

Let all the Apoſtate Chriſtians produce one Scripture wherever the Saints got the Bones of the Saints to do Miracles by.

Of Praying to the Saints that are Dead, and Asking Counſel of the Dead, and Praying for the Dead.

LEt all the Apoſtate Chriſtians produce one Scripture for their vain Tradition of praying for the Dead, or to the Dead, or asking counſel of the Dead; but *Saul* when he had tranſgreſſed the Command of God, and diſſobeyed him, he went to the Witch of *Endor*, pretending to Raiſe up *Samuel*, to ask counſel of the Dead, but what was the end of *Saul*, you way ſee in 1 *Sam.* 28. & 31. Chapters.

And *David* prayed to God while his Child was living, but when the Child was dead he gave over praying to God and faſting, and ſaid, *Now the Child is Dead, I cannot bring him back again, I ſhall go to him, but he ſhall not come to me*, 2 Sam. 12. 16. to verſ. 23. *The Grave cannot praiſe thee, Death cannot Celebrate thee, they that go down into the Pit cannot hope for thy truth*, Iſai. 38. 18. *The Dead praiſe not the Lord*, Pſalm 115. 17.

And yet do not you pray to the Dead, that cannot praiſe the Lord. And *Solomon* ſaith, *The Dead knows not any thing*, Eccle. 9. 5. And yet do not you pray to them that know not any thing; is not that madneſs.

Concerning the Apoſtate Chriſtians Tradition of a Purgatory, after they are Dead.

Solomon ſaith, *All turneth to the Duſt again; and who knoweth the Spirit of Man that goeth upward*; ſo then not into Purgatory, *Prov.* 3. 20, 21. And *Eliſha* prayed for the *Shunamites* Child that was Dead, and he was raiſed up to Life; ſo he doth not ſay he prayed him out of Purgatory.

And when *Lazarus* that poor Man died, he was carried by Angels

Angels into *Abrahams* Bosom, and when the rich Man died and was Buried, he went into Hell, and in Hell he lift up his Eyes being in Torment, and seeing *Abraham* afar off, and *Lazarus* in his Bosom, he cryed and said, *Father* Abraham *have mercy on me, and send* Lazarus *that he may dip the tip of his Finger in water and cool my Tongue, for I am tormented in this Flames*, But *Abraham* said, *Son remember that thou in thy Life time receivedst thy good things, and likewise* Lazarus *evil things, but now he is Comforted, and thou art Tormented; and besides all this, between us and you there is a great Gulf fixed, so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot, neither can they pass to us that would come from thence*, Luke 16.22,23,24,25,26.

And now here you see, that when *Lazarus* died, he was carried by Angels into Abrahams Bosom, not into Purgatory, who would have been glad of the rich hard-hearted Mans Crumbs that fell from his Table; and the rich Mans Dogs had more compassion of the poor Man (in licking his Sores) then he had; but when this rich Man died and was carried into Hell, neither *Abraham* nor *Lazarus* could go to him, nor help him out, nor he to them, so that neither *Abraham* nor *Lazarus* could relieve him there, not with so much Water as would hang on the tip of his Finger to cool his Tongue.

And Christ said to the Thief upon the Cross that was Crucified with him, *Verily I say unto thee, to day shalt thou be with me in Paradise*, Luke 23. 43. So he doth not say, he should go into Purgatory, to be purged; but as *Abraham* said to the rich Man that was in Hell, *If they will not hear* Moses *and the Prophets, they will not be perswaded if one rose from the Dead*; for these were the *Jews* to whom Christ spoke this Parable, who set up their Traditio and made the word of God and his Command of none effect, so they were not like to hear *Moses* and the Prophets, who like the Apostate Christians now set up their vain Traditions above the holy Scriptures of Truth, and allow the ignorant People to read their Traditions, and deny them the reading of the Scriptures, contrary to the holy Men of God that gave them forth, *To be Read, Believed, Fulfilled and Practised*, as in Col. 4. 16. 1 Thes. 5. 27.

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Give attendance to Reading, &c. 1 Tim. 4. 13. And Chriſt exhorts his Hearers to ask in his Name, *And whatſoever ye ſhall ask the Father in my Name, he ſhall give it you*, as in *John* 16.23,25,26. And again Chriſt teacheth his Diſciples to pray, and ſay, *Our Father which art in Heaven*, &c. So that Chriſt never taught his Believers to pray either to his Mother the Virgin *Mary* in his name, or to any Saint, or in the name of any Saint after they were Dead, nor his Apoſtles after him. And the Apoſtle *James* ſaith in his general Epiſtle to the Church of Chriſt, *If any of you lack Wiſdom, let him ask it of God, that giveth to all Men Liberally*, James 1. 5. And *John* ſaith in his general Epiſtle to the Church of Chriſt, *If our Hearts condemn us not, then we have confidence towards God; and whatever we ask we receive of him, becauſe we keep his Commandments, and do thoſe things which are pleaſing in his Sight*, John 3. 21, 22. And again *John* ſaith, *This is the confidence that we have in God, that if we ask any thing according to his Will, he heareth us*, 1 John 5. 14, 15. And it is ſaid, *Saul Died for his Tranſgreſſion, which he committed againſt the Lord*, &c. And alſo *for asking counſel of one that had a Familliar Spirit*, the Witch of Endor, *and enquired not of the Lord*, and therefore he Slew him, 1 *Cron.* 13. 14 And you Read of ſuch that ſet the counſel of the Lord at naught, and would have none of his counſel, and what was their end, as in *Prov.* 1. 25,26. And the Lord ſaid, *My People ask counſel at the Stocks*, &c. who were gone a Whoring from God; were not theſe the *Jews* that followed their own Traditions, and made the Commands of God of none Effect, *Hoſ.* 4. 12. Like the Apoſtate Chriſtians that pretend to pray to Saints that are Dead, and for the Dead, that ſet up ſo many Images and kneel down before them; but hear what is ſaid in *Iſai.* 30. 1. *Wo to the Rebellious Children*, ſaith the Lord, *that ask counſel but not of me, and cover with a Covering, but not of my Spirit, that they may add Sin to Sin.*

So here you may ſee what is the portion of all ſuch that cover with a Covering, but not of Gods Spirit; and ask counſel but not of him.

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Concerning the Apoſtate Chriſtian Traditions, of making a God or Chriſt of Bread and Wine; and of their Bowing to him, and Worſhipping him, and Eating him when they have done; we never Read, that the *Heathens*, nor the Apoſtate *Jews*, when they had made Gods and Bowed to them, and Worſhipped them, Eat them when they had done.

CHriſt's Diſciples ſaid unto him, *The day of Unleavened Bread, when the Paſſover muſt be killed, where wilt thou that we go and prepare, that thou mayeſt Eat the Paſſover*, Mark 14.12. Luke 22.7. Now Chriſt, though he is the Chriſtian Paſſover, he did not Eat himſelf.

And again the Apoſtle ſaith, *In the ſame Night that Chriſt Jeſus was Betrayed, he took Bread and brake it*, and ſaid, *do it in Remembrance of me*, and likewiſe the Cup; ſo Chriſt's Body was whole, and was not Crucified when he brake that outward Bread, for that which they were to take in Remembrance of Chriſt, and in a ſhew of his Death till he came, it was not the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, but outward Bread, and Wine in an outward Cup, and Chriſt was no where called a Cup; it is ſaid, *Chriſt took the Cup when he had Supped*, then he did not take his own Blood and give unto them, but he called it, *the Fruit of the Vine*, Mat. 26. 29. And Chriſt took the Cup and gave his Diſciples and ſaid, *Drink ye all of it, and took the Bread and brake it, and gave it to his Diſciples alſo*, and in *Mark* 16. 22. *They all drank of the Cup, and he brake the Bread, and gave it to his Diſciples*, (namely the twelve) as in *Luke* 22. Then he did not brake his own Body, for it was then whole; and after he had broken the Bread and Given it them, and given them the Cup, and called it *the fruit of the Vine*; after Chriſt had given them this, he ſaid, *Drink ye all of this*, *Mat.* 26. 25. *Luke* 22. 21. Behold ſaith Chriſt, *The Hand of him that Betrayeth me is with me on the Table*; ſo it ſeems here, that *Judas* did eat of the Bread, and drink of the fruit of the Vine in the Cup, and he did partake of theſe outward Elements

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in the ſame Night that Chriſt was Betrayed, which Elements were taken in a ſhew and remembrance of the Lords Death till he came; but *Judas* did not ſtay till he came, for he Betrayed him. Now if this outward Bread had been Chriſt the living Bread that came down from Heaven, and his Blood, which if any Man eat of that Bread and drink his Blood, he ſhall live forever and not die, as Chriſt ſaith, *Whoſoever eateth my Fleſh, and drinketh my Blood hath eternal Life, and dwelleth in me and I in him, and he that eateth me, ſhall live by me, and he that eateth this Bread that cometh down from Heaven ſhall live for ever*, ſee *John* 6. 50. to 59.

Now here you ſee it is clear, that the Cup and the Bread that *Judas* did eat & drink of at Chriſts laſt Supper, was not the Fleſh of Chriſt the Bread of Life that came down from Heaven, nor his Blood that giveth Life everlaſting; for *Judas* had not eternal Life, nor did not live forever, by eating of that outward Bread, and drinking of that outward Cup, *the fruit of the Vine*; and ſo *Judas* did not eat Chriſt, and live by him, and live forever, though he drank of the outward Cup, *the fruit of the Vine*, and eat of the outward Bread that Chriſt broke at his laſt Supper, the ſame night that he Betrayed him, and that *Judas* might do, and not eat the Bread from Heaven, the Fleſh of the Son of Man, and drink his Blood; for ſuch have not life eternal in them, as Chriſt ſaith, that do not eat his Fleſh, and drink his Blood; for Chriſt ſaid, *except ye eat the Fleſh of the Son of Man, and drink his Blood, ye have no Life in you*, John 6.53. And the *Jews* murmured at Chriſt when he ſaid, *I am the Bread that came down from Heaven; and except ye eat my Fleſh, and drink my Blood, ye have no Life in you; and he that eateth my Fleſh, and drinketh my Blood hath eternal Life*.

So here is a great difference betwixt the Fleſh and the Blood of Chriſt the Bread which came down from Heaven, which giveth Life eternal, and the Elements of Bread & Wine, which Reprobates, and *Judas* may take and eat, that have not Life eternal, nor Chriſt in them, as the Apoſtle ſaith, *If Chriſt be not in you ye are Reprobates*, 2*Cor*. 13.——*Where the Tree falleth there it ſhall be*, Eccle.

And after *Eſau* had ſold his Birth right, he ſought it carefully with Tears, but he found no place of Repentance; and therefore how are any like to Repent and come out of the Grave and Purgatory as you call it, after they are Dead, when *Eſau* could not find Repentance upon the Earth.

G. F.

THE END.

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Concerning the Traditions of the Jews *and Apoſtate Chriſtians.*

CHriſt ſaid to the *Phariſes*, *why do you tranſgreſs the Command of God by your Traditions*; you Hypocrits well did *Iſaiah* propheſie of you; *This people draweth nigh me with their Mouth, and honoureth me with their Lips, but their Heart is far from me, but in vain do you worſhip me, teaching for Doctrines the Commandments of men*; thus you

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have made the Commandment of God of none effect by your Traditions. *Mat.* 15. 3, 6, 7, 8, 9.

And again Christ said unto the *Scribes and Pharises, Laying aside the Commandment of God, ye hold the Tradition of men, and of your Elders*; and again he saith unto them. *full well you reject the Commandment of God, that you may keep your own Tradition*, making the word of God of none effect through your Traditions which you have delivered, *Mark* 7. 3, 8, 9, 13.

Now is not this the condition of the Apostate Christians that set up their Traditions above the Scriptures of Truth, like the *Jews*, and forbad the reading of the Scriptures of Truth; nay are not they worse then the *Jews*, for they must read and pray in an unknown Tongue, so are (like *Barbarians*) worse then the *Jews* who read and pray in their *Mother Tongue*,

And *Paul* saith to the Church of Christ, *ye have heard of my Conversation in times past in the* Jews *Religion. how that beyond measure I Persecuted the Church of God, and wasted it, and profited in the* Jews *Religion above many my equals in my own Nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my Fathers, but when it pleased God, who separated me from my mothers Womb, and called me by his Grace to reveal his Son in me, that I might Preach him*, &c. Gal. 1. 13, 14, 15, 16.

Now here you may see while *Paul* was zealous of the traditions of his fore-Fathers, he was not separate from his Mothers womb, nor called by Gods grace, nor the Son of God was not revealed in him, therefore he was not like to Preach him, but persecute him.

And now are all the Apostate Christians in their Blind zeal of their fore-fathers, (like persecuting *Saul*) separate from their Mothers Womb, and called by Gods Grace?

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and is the Son of God revealed in them that have been ſuch Perſecutors and Waſters of Gods people, the Church of Chriſt ſince the Apoſtles days? and if not, can they preach Chriſt in truth, but withſtand him like the *Jews* in their traditions, and ſet traditions above the Scriptures of Truth that teſtifie of Chriſt.

And after the Apoſtle was converted, he bid the Church of Chriſt *beware leſt any Man ſpoyle you through Philoſophy and vain Deceit, after the traditions of men, and not after Chriſt; if you be dead with Chriſt from the Rudiments of the World; why as living in the World are ye ſubject to Ordinances? touch not, taſte not, handle not, which all are to periſh with the uſing, after the Commandments and Doctrines of men, which if you be Riſen with Chriſt ſeek thoſe things which are above, where Chriſt ſits at the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the Earth*, Col. 2.8,20,21,22, & 3,1,2.

So you may ſee that the Apoſtle brought the Church of Chriſt off the Traditions and Doctrines and Ordinances of men, and Rudiments of the World; & would not have them to be ſpoiled by any Man, through Philoſophy and vain Deceit, for ſuch things as theſe were not after Chriſt, but the Church of Chriſt was and is to ſeek thoſe things that are above where Chriſt ſits at the right hand of God, and not thoſe things on the Earth which are below, they are not ſo much as to touch, taſte nor handle them, all which periſh with the uſing, but the Scriptures of Truth they are to read, believe and practice; for the Church of Chriſt then and now know that they are not redeemed with Corruptible things, as Silver and Gold from their vain Converſation, or by the tradition of their Fore-fathers, but with the precious Blood of Chriſt, as of a Lamb without ſpot or blemiſh, Glory to God for ever

through the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, who is the only one Mediator betwixt God and Man, even the Man Chriſt Jeſus, who makes peace betwixt us and God, the ſame to day, yeſterday and forever. G. F.

Chriſt is the Rock and Foundation which the heavenly Father revealed to *Peter*, on which he Builds his Church, and not on *Peter*, nor that which Fleſh and Blood had revealed to *Peter*.

JEſus asked his Diſciples, *Whom do men ſay that I the Son of Man am*, and the Diſciples anſwered Jeſus and ſaid, *Some ſay thou art* John Baptiſt, *and ſome ſay* Elias, *and others* Jeremiah *or one of the Prophets.*

Here you may ſee there were divers judgments and opinions of Chriſt, among People that knew him not: And Jeſus ſaid unto his Diſciples, *But whom do you ſay that I am?* and *Simon Peter* anſwered and ſaid, *Thou art Chriſt the Son of the living God*; and Jeſus anſwered and ſaid, *Bleſſed art thou* Simon Bar Jonah, *for Fleſh and Blood hath not revealed this unto thee, but my Father which is in Heaven; and I ſay unto thee that thou art* Peter, *and upon this Rock will I build my Church* (Mark he ſaith upon this Rock which Fleſh and Blood had not revealed, he doth not ſay upon thee *Peter*) *and the gates of Hell ſhall not prevaile againſt it*: And Jeſus ſhewed unto his Diſciples how that he muſt go to *Jeruſalem* and ſuffer many things of the Elders, Chief Prieſts and Scribes, and be killed, and be raiſed again the third day; then *Peter* took Chriſt and began

gan to rebuke him saying, *Be it far from thee Lord, this shall not be unto thee*, then Christ turned and said unto *Peter, Get thee behind me Sathan, for thou art an offence unto me, for thou savoureſt not the things that be of God, but thoſe that be of men*, Mat. 16. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23.

Now here you may clearly see that Christ doth not build his Church upon *Peter*, as a Man of Fleſh and Blood, or that which Fleſh and Blood reveals, but upon that Rock which Fleſh and Blood had not revealed unto *Peter*, but the Father which is in Heaven: And ſo I ſay again it is clear, that Christ doth not build his Church upon *Peter* and his outward Name, as a Man of Fleſh and Blood, nor upon that which Fleſh and Blood may reveal, or did reveal unto *Peter*; but he builds his Church upon that Rock which the Father which is in Heaven had revealed to *Peter*, which was, *Thou art Chriſt the Son of the living God*; this is the Rock and Foundation that the true Church is built upon, Chriſt who bruiſes the Serpents Head, and deſtroys the Devil and his Works; ſo that the Gates of Hell cannot nor ſhall not prevail againſt Chriſts Church, and him the Rock and Foundation, which his Church is built upon: And though Chriſt bleſſed *Peter* in *Mat.* 16. 17. after his Revelation, yet in the 23. verſe Chriſt ſaid unto *Peter*, *get thee behind me Sathan, thou art an offence unto me, for thou Savoureſt not the things which be of God, but thoſe that be of men*; ſo here it is clear, Chriſt did not build his Church upon *Peter* nor his outward name *Peter*, as a Man of Fleſh and Blood, nor the Revelation of Fleſh and Blood, nor upon *Sathan*, for he bruiſes *Sathan* the Serpents head; ſo he was not like to build his Church upon him. Therefore they that do ſucceed *Peter*, it muſt be in that which the Father revealed from Heaven, (to wit) *thou art Chriſt the Son of the living God*,

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upon this Rock will I build my Church, but when *Peter* rebuked Chriſt ſaying, *be it far from thee Lord, this ſhall not be unto thee*, (Namely) when Chriſt told him and the reſt that he ſhould Suffer and be Killed, and riſe again the third Day, Chriſt called *Peter* Sathan, and bid him get him behind him, as before.

And Chriſt ſaid unto *Peter*, *He was an offence unto him, and ſavoured not thoſe things that be of God, but thoſe that be of men*, in that which he ſaid to Chriſt; and what are any ſo Ignorant as to think that Chriſt built his Church upon *Peter*, as he was in this condition, no ſurely they are miſtaken that think ſo, and they that do ſucceed *Peter*, in that condition, they ſavour the things not of God but of men, and are an offence to Chriſt, whom Chriſt calleth Sathan, and bids get behind him; for he was not like to build his Church upon that which was an offence unto him, and ſavoured not the things of God, but the things of men, and therefore they that build their Church upon ſuch, the Gates of Hell are like to prevail againſt them; and they that do ſucceed *Peter* in that ſpiritual Revelation, which the Father revealed from Heaven, namely, Chriſt the Son of the living God, upon which Rock the true Church is built, which the gates of Hell ſhall not prevail againſt; this is above Sathan and the revelation of Fleſh and Blood, and that which offends Chriſt, and that which ſavours the things of men, and not the things of God, and that which Fleſh and Blood may reveal; Chriſts Church is not built upon ſuch things, but the Rock which is far above them, which the heavenly Father revealeth, and hath the glory of it, who is bleſſed for ever, *Amen*. *G. F.*

Now Concerning whom the Scripture ſaith is the true Rock and Foundation.

David ſaith, *the Lord is my Rock and my Fortreſs, and my Deliverer*, Pſal. 18. 2. And again *David* ſaith, *For who is God ſave the Lord, or who is a Rock ſave our God*, verſe 31. And again, *he* (viz. God) *only is my Rock and Salvation, he is my Defence, I ſhall not be moved*, Pſal. 62. 2, 6. and *David* ſpeaking of *Iſrael* ſaid, *they remembred that God was their Rock*, Pſal. 78. 35 And *Iſaiah* ſpeaking of Chriſt ſaith, *That he ſhall be for a San-*

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Saury, a Stone of ſtumbling, and a Rock of offence, to both the Houſes of Iſrael: And *Peter* is ſo far off from looking upon himſelf to be the Rock upon which Chriſt builds his Church, that he tells the Church of Chriſt in his general Epiſtle, *That Chriſt was a Stone of ſtumbling, and a Rock of offence to them which ſtumble at the Word, being diſobedient*, 1Pet. 2. 8. For the Apoſtle ſaith to the *Romans*, the Church of Chriſt, ſpeaking of Chriſt, *Behold I lay in* Sion *a Stone of ſtumbling and a Rock of offence, and whoſoever believes in him ſhall not be aſhamed*; this was Chriſt, and not *Peter*, *Rom.* 9. 33. And the Apoſtle tells the Church of Chriſt ſpeaking of *Iſrael*, *How that they did all drink the ſame Spiritual Drink*, for they drank of the ſame Spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Chriſt, 1*Cor.* 10. 4. ſo he did not ſay it was *Peter*, nor any outward Man.

And the wiſe Man builds his Houſe upon the Rock Chriſt Jeſus, if it be not, the Rain and the Floods will beat it down, as in *Mat.* 7. 25. and the Apoſtle tells the Church of Chriſt, *no other Foundation can any Man lay then that which is already laid, which is Chriſt Jeſus*, 1*Cor.* 13. 11. And again he ſaith to the *Epheſians*, *You are built upon the Foundation of the Apoſtles, and Prophets*: Chriſt Jeſus himſelf being the chief corner Stone; ſo the Rock and Foundation of God ſtands ſure, Chriſt Jeſus the ſame yeſterday and to Day and ſo forever.

The Antiquity of our Croſs.

THe Apoſtle ſaith to the Church of Chriſt, *That the preaching of the Croſs is to them that periſh fooliſhneſs, but unto us that are Saved, it is the Power of God*, 1*Cor.* 1. 18. And ſuch as were and are Enemies to the Croſs of Chriſt, were and are Enemies to the Power of God; ſo all your Stone, Wooden, Braſs, Silver or Gold Croſſes you have invented and ſet up ſince the Apoſtles Dayes, are not the Croſs of Chriſt the Power of God.

And the Apoſtle ſaith, *God forbid that I ſhould Glory ſave in the Croſs of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, by whom the World was Crucified unto me, and I unto the World*, Gal. 6. 14. ſo it was the power of God, the Croſs of Chriſt, that the Apoſtle gloried in, by who m the World was crucified unto him, and he unto the World; and this is our Croſs which was ſet up above 1600. Years ago;

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and it is not like that it was a Cross made of Wood, Stone, Iron, Brass, Silver or Gold that the Apostle or the Church of Christ gloried in, or that such outward temporal and worldly Crosses as men make and invent, should crucifie People to the World? That which crucifie People to the World, and the World to them, is the Cross of Christ the power of God, which power of God all are to bow down to; and they are foolish and dark that think a Cross of Stone, Wood, Iron, Silver or Gold, which Man hath made, is the Cross of Christ, the Power of God, and to bow to such worldly temporal things, and call them the Cross of Christ, is contrary to the Scriptures that the Apostles taught to the Church of Christ in their day, and this was the Church of Christ Cross in their Dayes, and is the Church of Christ's Cross now, but they could not, nor can we bow to any temporal, outward, worldly Cross that men have made with their Hands, and bow down to them; for such as do worship the Works of their own Hands are enemies to the Cross of Christ the Power of God.

There were such in the Apostles Days that were vainly puffed up with their fleshly minds, not holding Christ the Head, and so there is now from which head all the Body of Christ by Joynts and Bands hath Nourishment ministred, and by him is knit together, and encreaseth with the encrease of God, as in *Col.* 2. 18, 19.

Now Christ enlightens every Man that comes into the World with the Light, the Life that is in him, the Head by whom the world was made, that with the Light they might see Christ, and hold him the Head of the Body, his Church by which all the Children of the Light and of the Day may be knit together in him, and have their encrease of God ministred through him, and so to have Fellowship with the Father & the Son, and one with another.

Now all they that are intruding into things they have not seen, puffed up with a fleshly minde, and do not hold Christ their Head, but have set up other heads, have broken into Sects, Schisms and Divisions one against another, this is clearly seen now as it was in the Apostles Days.

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THE END.